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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S CALL ON SECRETARY

1. FONMIN MALIK, AT HIS REQUEST, AND ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ARIFIN, AND HIS OFFICE DIRECTOR, ALAPPAS, CALLED ON SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE US MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON APRIL 15. MALIK SAID THAT PRIOR TO LEAVING INDONESIA, HE AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD BEEN ADVISED BY AMB NEWSOM THAT THE U.S. PLANNED TO REDUCE ITS AID TO INDONESIA. HE ADMITTED THAT INDONESIA NOW HAD INCREASED OIL REVENUES, BUT NOTED THAT IT WAS ALSO PAYING HIGHER PRICES FOR IMPORTS OF RICE AND FERTILIZER, AND THAT IT HAD HOPES OF RAISING ITS DEVELOPMENT TARGETS. HE FEARED THAT A REDUCTION OF U.S. AID WOULD LEAD TO OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES TAKING SIMILAR ACTION.

2. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WOULD REVIEW THE PROBLEM AND LET MALIK KNOW IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE. HE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED REDUCTION WAS SMALL, AND THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH CONGRESS, MEMBERS OF WHICH FELT THAT INDONESIA'S NEW OIL REVENUE WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR ALL U.S. AID TO THAT COUNTRY.

3. MALIK SAID THAT IT WAS NOT THE SIZE OF THE REDUCTION THAT WAS OF PRINCIPAL CONCERN, BUT THE EXAMPLE IT WOULD OFFER TO OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES.

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4. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, WITH WHOM HE WAS MEETING LATER IN THE WEEK, TO GET HIS VIEWS OF THE IMPACT OF A US REDUCTION ON OTHER DONORS AND TO TRY TO SEE THAT THE US ACTION DID NOT HAVE A MULTIPLIER EFFECT.

5. CONVERSATION ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON LOS, ICCS AND THE MIDDLE EAST.
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